LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2002,** upon the application of **AUSTRAL OIL & EXPLORATION, INC.**

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **LeBouef Zone**, **Reservoir A**, in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the LeBouef Zone, Reservoir A.
- 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the LeBouef Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the LEBOUEF RA SUA as shown on the plat submitted with the application.
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 4. To designate a unit well, an alternate unit well, and unit operator for the unit so created.
- 5. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
- 6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The LeBouef Zone, Reservoir A, in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone found between the depths of 12812' and 12910' (ELM) in the Austral Oil & Exploration, Inc. - Villien-Gooch et al No. 3 Well, located in Section 68, Township 12 South, Range 3 East.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Lafayette**, Louisiana or may be found at the following site:

www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm.

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

PHILIP N. ASPRODITES COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La 1/9/02;1/12/02

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IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION - ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.